

1.5.14.2 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT - Incentive: 3% of Total State General Funds
<i>Rationale</i>
The fourteen (14) Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Boards will incorporate outcome information in Quality Improvement initiatives by identifying up to three individual, program or system level outcomes and measuring their respective performance on those outcomes. Performance measures will then be used to initiate changes in service delivery to improve quality or continue measuring quality.
<i>Requirement:</i>
<p>The Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board shall complete a quality plan that uses individual, program, or system level outcomes to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a maximum of three areas for quality improvement; and (2) a plan for using the outcome information for quality improvement initiatives. <p>The plan shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Baseline measures(s); (2) Statement of objective(s); (3) Rationale(s); and (4) Final report format including expected performance which is the identified outcome <p>OR</p> <p>The Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board shall update a previously approved quality plan by summarizing how respective outcome information will continue to be collected and used to improve or otherwise measure quality. The Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Boards shall complete a quality improvement progress report that uses individual, program, or system level outcomes to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a maximum of three areas targeted for ongoing quality improvement; (2) a summary of action steps, policy implications, and overall results of the use of outcome information; and (3) a plan for the continued use of the outcome information for quality improvement initiatives <p>The new plan, summary of the continued plan initiated last year, or a combination thereof; must be submitted by August 31, 2006. DMHMRS shall review and approve the proposed plan(s) within 30 days of receipt. New plans will target October 1, 2006 as an implementation date. At a minimum, data for new plans will be collected September 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.</p>
<i>Indicator:</i>
Up to three areas for quality improvement are identified and a plan for outcome information is submitted by August 31, 2006. The proposal can include new outcome initiatives, continued initiatives from last year, or a combination of old and new. A minimum of one outcome plan must be submitted with a maximum of three (see Incentive Breakdown below).
<i>Documentation:</i>

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For new plans: outcome measures are identified and documentation is submitted that includes a baseline measure, statement of objective, rationale, and final report which includes actual performance on the identified outcomes.

If using a component of a previous year's plan, outcome measures are identified, and documentation is submitted that includes a brief summary of action steps, policy implications, and overall results of the quality improvement project and a brief plan for how the information will continue to be used for quality improvement initiatives.

Incentive Breakdown:

3% overall

If one area is identified = 3%

If two areas are identified = 1.5% each

If three areas are identified = 1% each

* Note: Risk is higher if only one area is identified.

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